

LM Wind Power, a leading wind project manufacturer based in Grand Forks, North

Dakota urges Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Our company has over 500 employees and is facing a cliff at the end of the year. In November our production numbers will reduce to almost nothing. We will have to lay off employees. We have fought since 1999 to keep Grand Forks, a viable place to do business. We are the flagship unit of LM Wind Power manufacturing units around the world. We have taken the local company from a cash negative position 6 years ago to the top producer in the world. We have fought as local Grand Forks residents to bring pride to the community through local involvement.

Our primary customer is GE, and with the uncertainty of the PTC's future, we will have very little or nothing to sell in the US. While wind wind development activity and instead redirecting our customer's markets to India and China.

I personally wake up every day feeling proud that I can contribute to the renewable energy sector. I understand the budget issues we face as a country. I just firmly believe that a diverse energy portfolio for the country is in all our best interests. You have probably heard this argument a lot. I just wanted to make sure you heard it from me, a North Dakota resident with 4 kids and a job to keep. We strongly urge this committee to immediately take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit.

Thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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